(e) The main competitors are Chile, Pakistan, Phillipines, Colombia, South Africa, Australia and Israel for fruits; China, Turkey, Thailand, Phillipines, Israel and South Africa for vegetables and Kenya, Israel, South Africa, Zimbabway and Morocco for floriculture respectively.

Coastal Management Plan

598. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulties resulting from the Coastal Management Plan of the Ministry of Environment imposing severe restrictions on construction work in coastal areas;

(b) whether representations have been received from State Governments to remove restrictions; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Some State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have represented to the Central Government about the difficulties in implementation of Coastal Zone Management Plans, particularly with regard to withdrawal of ground water, mining of sands and No Development Zone for rivers and backwaters.

(c) It has been decided to constitute a committee to look into selected issues raised by the State Governments.

Cleansing of Rivers

599. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken up the rivers for cleansing under the Central Government Scheme and the progress made thereunder;

(b) if so, the details of rivers taken up;

(c) whether representation has been received to include river Chaliyar in Kerala under this scheme, and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). The Government had approved in July 1995, a National River Conservation Plan to take up pollution abatement schemes in 46 towns locates on the polluted stretches of 18 rivers in 10 States of the country at an estimated cost of about Rs. 772 crore. The details of various components of the National River Conservation Plan, state-wise, town-wise and river-wise are given in the statement enclosed.

(c) and (d). A representation had been received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri E. Ahamed for inclusion of river Chaliyar in Kerala under this scheme. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament has been requested to take up the matter with the Government of Kerala. A copy of the letter addressed to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament has been forwarded to the Government of Kerala.

STATEMENT

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	State/Towns	River	Total cost including cost of land	Contribution of States
1	2	3	4	5
1.	**Andhra Pradesh**		5379.00	2689.500
1.	Mancharial	Godavari		
2.	Bhadrachalam	Godavari		
3.	Rajamundry	Godavari		
4.	Ramagundam	Godavari		
2.	**Bihar**		3222.03	1611.015
5.	Ranchi	Subarnarekha		
6.	Jamshedpur	Subarnarekha		
7.	Ghatshila	Subarnarekha		
3.	**Gujarat**		9869.89	4934.945
8.	Ahmadabad	Sabarmati		

1	2	3	4	5
4.	**Karnataka**		2699.79	1349.895
9.	Shimoga	Tunga (Krishna)		
10.	Harihara	Tungabhadra (Krishna)		
11.	Bhadravathi	Bhadra (Krishna)		
12.	Davanagere	Tungabhadra (Krishna)		
13.	K.R. Nagar	Cauvery		
14.	Kollegal	Cauvery		
15.	Nanjangud	Cauvery		
16.	Sri Rangapatnam	Cauvery		
5.	**Madhya Pradesh**		10659.47	5329.735
17.	Indore	Khan		
18.	Ujjain	Kshipra		
19.	Burhanpur	Tapti		
20.	Mandideep	Betwa		
21.	Bhopal	Betwa		
22.	Vidisha	Betwa		
23.	Jabalpur	Narmada		
24.	Seoni	Wainganga		
25.	Chapara	Wainganga		
26.	Keolari	Wainganga		
27.	Nagda	Chambal		
6.	**Maharashtra**		11733.39	5866.695
28.	Karad	Krishna		
29.	Sangli	Krishna		
30.	Nasik	Godavari		
31.	Nanded	Godavari		
7.	**Orissa**		2484.77	5866.695
32.	Cuttack	Mahanadi		
33.	Talcher	Brahmini		
34.	Chandbali	Brahmini		
35.	Dharmshala	Brahmini		
8.	**Punjab**		22937.61	11468.805
36.	Ludhiana	Satluj		
37.	Jallundhar	Satluj		
38.	Phagwara	Satluj		
39.	Phillaur	Satluj		
9.	**Rajasthan**		1393.68	696.840
40.	Kota	Chambal		
41.	Keshorai pattan	Chambal		

1	2	3	4	5
10.	**Tamil Nadu**		3820.00	1910.000
42.	Kumara palayam	Cauvery		
43.	Bhawani	Cauvery		
44.	Erode	Cauvery		
45.	Trichy	Cauvery		
46.	Palli Palayam	Cauvery		
(A)		Total :	74199.63	37099.81
(B)	State share on 50 : 50 basis		37099.81	
(C)	Add 5% of cost of works only towards expenditure on establishment Research & Development and Monitoring		3009.22	
(A+C)	total estimated cost (74199.63+3009.22)		77208.85	
(D)	Central Share		40109.03	

Irregularities in I.V.R.I.

600. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the complaints regarding alleged irregularities in purchase of foreign journals in Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izzat Nagar, Bareilly, and

(b) if so, the nature of irregularities noticed and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The investigation of R.C. 22(A)/95-CBI/LKO PURCHASE OF FOREIGN JOURNALS is being conducted by the CBI, Lucknow. The relevant record for the purchase of foreign journals during 1987 to 1994, has been sent to CBI for necessary action. As a follow up reply, the concerned CBI office has recently informed that the matter is still under investigation.

[English]

Cane Pricing Policy

601. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cane stock with the farmer are mounting year after year in the sugar producing States because of un-realistically cane prices fixed by the State Government rendering sugar mill unviable while Khansari units purchase cane at much lower price than fixed by the State Government;

(b) if so, the position of cane stock and prices fixed/revised during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have received representations from the Sugar Producing State Governments/Associations/Federation of Sugar Mills regarding evolving of rationalistic/pragmatic sugarcane pricing policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(f) the details of comprehensive action plan worked out to resolve the issue of cane pricing/stock in the interest of healthy growth of the sugar industry?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). During 1994-95 the production of sugarcane was 2712 lakh tonnes as compared to 2297 lakh tonnes in 1993-94. Cane production for 1995-96 is estimated to be about 2673 lakh tonnes.

In spite of the fact that the Central Government fixes Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane payable by sugar factories to cane growers, the State Governments also announce their own State Advised Prices which is payable by the sugar factories located in the respective States Advised Prices of cane are very high which create difficulties for the sugar industry in the State. The State Advised Prices of sugarcane in respect of some of the sugar producing states may be seen at the statement attached.

(c) to (f). The views of State Governments, The National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories and Indian Sugar Mills Association have been considered by the Govt. with regard to sugarcane pricing policy. The question was first considered in the meeting of the Sugar Ministers of the State Governments held in February, 1994 when it was decided to constitute a committee of the Sugar Ministers of five major sugar producing States (U.P., Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu) under the Chairmanship of the Sugar Minister of U.P. This Committee submitted its report in April, 1995 recommending, inter alia, constitution of a National Pricing Board for the purpose. The question of